

ANNEXATION HEARING STOPPED

3 Strikes Not Out For Him

William C. Bowman, of 4526 Pacific Coast Hwy., remembers when he might have gone down with three strikes against him — were it not for a "friend in need" who came through with two hits and a home run!

For 13 years, Bowman was a Navy man — Boatswain First Class — in which capacity he served his country during World War II and the Korean Police Action. In his years of active duty, he was called upon to meet three major emergencies on the home front, and each time the American Red Cross came promptly to his aid.

The first time was in 1941 when he received word at the Navy Yard in New York City that his mother was critically ill in Philadelphia. Because of a Red Cross alert, military authorities issued an emergency leave. . . . Because of immediate transportation made possible by the Red Cross, he was at his mother's bedside in a matter of hours.

Again in 1944 — the Red Cross proved the "proverbial friend, indeed" to Bowman. This time, the life of his best of a year, Jean, was seriously threatened by illness. Once more the Red Cross informed this commanding officer, lined up the necessary plane travel, and the young couple were speedily re-united.

Third Call
But — it was the third time — in 1951, that Bowman, now the father of two small children, really discovered all he says "how magically the Red Cross facilities can and do function to solve problems that seem utterly hopeless."

He was in Fasabo, Japan when his wife, living in Los Angeles, was informed that necessary surgery would incapacitate her for at least six months; thus posing a threat to the family circle, as there was no one to care for the youngsters. No sooner had she contacted the local Red Cross office than the International Communication Service went into action. Consultation among Red Cross officials and military personnel in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Fasabo resulted in Bowman's arrival in the United States only 72 hours after he had been notified of his family's latest predicament.

Not did the practical assistance end with his arrival at home. At the request of Bowman's superior officers, Red Cross looked into his domestic situation and forwarded a report stating that the welfare of the family as a whole, seemed to warrant his presence at home. A fifteen-day extension of his leave led to a permanent discharge from the Navy. That was in April, 1952.

At home, ever since, with his wife, daughter, Billie Jean, 9; and son, Tommy, 7; the navy veteran is now Officer Bowman with the Palos Verdes Police Department. In his off-duty hours, he follows with considerable interest the progress his wife is making as a volunteer in Torrance's current fund raising campaign for the "organization that did so much to keep members of his family together."

Torrance's campaign has now passed the three quarter mark of the goal, leaving another \$2000 to be raised before the \$13,900 goal is achieved.

Boy Shaken Up as Bike, Auto Collide

A 12-year-old boy received slight injuries in a collision between his bicycle and a car on Calle de Arboles near Via Mesa Grande Tuesday.

John Richard Parker, of 241 Paseo de Granada, was shaken up when he collided with a car driven by John Emil Forsberg, 32, of 105 Calle de Arboles.

Pie, Greens Make Fifteen Ill

Fifteen cases of food poisoning, 11 of them caused by unwashed mustard greens, and the other four by an improperly refrigerated Boston cream pie, were reported to the Torrance Health Department office, recently, according to Dr. Benjamin Kogan.

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New Start Foreseen On Plans

A scheduled hearing before the City Council on the proposal to annex a portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula to Torrance was cancelled by action of the Council here Tuesday night.

Officially scheduled for 8 p.m. April 5, the hearing was cancelled on the recommendation of City Attorney James Hall who said he could see no point in continuing with the proceedings which could be legally contested on procedure.

"I'm convinced we will either have to start over or adopt a new procedure," Hall advised the Councilmen.

The hurdle thrown before the annexation movement was admittedly the disclosure of a voters' registration list recently by the Rancho Palos Verdes Protective Assn. which contained 19 registered voters.

Procedure Questioned
The proposal before the Council was to annex the area as uninhabited territory, a procedure which could be followed only if less than 12 registered voters resided within the boundary of the area to be annexed. Ten of the 19 registered voters in the area had been registered a few days before the petition for annexation was presented to the city.

What the next move of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. and affiliated companies would be was not immediately disclosed.

Other Hearings
A series of hearings before the Palos Verdes Estates City Council on April 18 has been scheduled on a proposal to annex a shoestring strip across the north side of the Great Lakes holdings thereby cutting off any possibility of annexing the hill area to Torrance at any time.

Opponents of the plan to annex about 6500 acres of the peninsula area to Torrance hope to block the proposed development of the area into residential subdivisions.

Victor Zoning Meeting Slated

A committee of the County Regional Planning Commission will hold a meeting at the Madonna Elementary School this evening at 7:30 for residents of the Victor precinct.

The meeting was called to discuss zoning of the area bounded by Torrance Blvd., Hawthorne Ave., Huntington, and the city of Redondo Beach. A public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission has been scheduled for next Monday, March 28.

Strip Paving Bid Awarded

A bid of \$37,875 for grading, paving, and putting curbs and sidewalks on 222nd St. between Normandie and Western Aves., was approved yesterday by the City Board of Public Works. Councilman John S. Gibson said.

Also included in the bid was the paving of Haldale one-half block north and south of 222nd St., he said. The lowest of seven bidders was the Sully Miller Construction Co., with a bid of 16.5 per cent below estimates.

Work on the paving is expected to begin shortly after April 1.

Meeting Slated On Golf Course

A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 31, at Seaside School Auditorium on the explosive issue of a golf course at Seaside Park, with both city officials and opponents of the plan scheduled to attend.

A panel discussion is planned at the open meeting to debate whether a nine-hole pitch-and-putt golf course should be located at the park. The meeting will not be tonight as previously reported.

The City Council this week officially received the petition signed by 103 persons who opposed placing the golf course in the park.

"We, the undersigned, living in the neighborhood of the new proposed park adjacent to Seaside School are opposed to any use of this property for other than that of a playground for children. We are also desirous of having a community building for community affairs. We are opposed to any use of this property as a golf course. We feel it would be unsafe for children. It would also detract from the value of any adjacent property."

The petition was first presented at a stormy Recreation Commission a week ago.

At the meeting next Thursday, opponents are expected to present their objections and city officials will tell why Seaside was chosen for the proposed golf course.

Selected For Cast of One-Act Play

Don Kelly, Eddie Shaw, Al Legus, Bev Sowle, and Alison Olson will star in the forthcoming Torrance High School production of "Plek Up and Cut Out," original one-act play by Jeff Carr.

Set for production on April 22, at the High School Auditorium, the play concerns a magic flying carpet which returns to ancient Rome.

Members of the production staff are Al Legus, producer; Eddie Shaw, assistant producer; Jim Hoffmann, technical director; Bruce Pierce, art director; Tom Cavagnough, business manager; Elsa Barlow, makeup director; Judy Stolley, costume director; and Von Hershey, faculty sponsor.

Tickets for this play and two other original one-act efforts cost 75 cents.

Man Reported 'Fair' After Car Accident

A 35-year-old Torrance man was reported in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital after being struck by a car at 21st and Main Sts. Tuesday night.

Harry J. Crawford, of 1923 Gramercy Ave., was reported crossing the street when hit by an auto driven by John Edward Farrar, 38, of Los Angeles. He received head injuries, and a fractured leg and clavicle.

Thieves Pass Checks Stolen from Company

Several commercial checks stolen from the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., 25601 Crenshaw Blvd., have been reported by local merchants. Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton said yesterday.

The checks were taken by the thieves who broke into the office Monday. Nothing else was taken.

Mothers List Reasons for Opposition

Seaside Park should be used primarily as a playground for children under 12, many residents of the nearby area told a HERALD reporter Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred M. Brown, of 22706 Draille Dr.; Mrs. Salvador Guagenti, of 22722 Draille Dr.; Mrs. Charles Hanson, of 22705 Draille Dr. and Mrs. Dana Lember, of 22731 Draille Dr., said that they object to the course because:

1. The park should be used for a playground for children under 12, since a survey the ladies made indicated that about 90 per cent of the youngsters in the area, were under that age.

2. The park is completely surrounded by houses — on Draille Dr., Reynolds Dr., and Sharynne Lane — and by Seaside School on the east. The only entrance to the park is on Lupine Dr., a dead-end street.

3. Despite claims that Seaside School playgrounds would be available to children, the school is not open to children after hours or on week ends. There is no recreation program at all for older girls.

4. Already overloaded, narrow streets would be taxed even further. Children in the area would be endangered by the increased traffic.

5. Many homes bordering the proposed course would be endangered by flying golf balls, since many of them are lower than the hilly area in which it is located.

6. The city would charge for use of golf facilities, to cover costs of maintenance, while the ladies believe any recreation program should be free.

7. Parking lots would be put in to take up part of the space needed for park facilities.

8. A proposed six-foot fence to surround the golf course would not be nearly adequate to protect surrounding property from flying golf balls shot by amateur duffers.

9. Despite claims to the contrary, the \$150,000 park improvement bond issue that was approved by the voters last April 11, contains no mention of a golf course.

Baseball Backers Ask For Volunteer Help

Help is vitally needed if the new Torrance diamond for the American and National Little League and the Babe Ruth League is to be completed in time for loop play this week.

Work is being done every week end on the two diamonds, located on Paseo del Amo, between Western Ave., and Cabrillo Ave.

Volunteers are asked to join in and give their time and talents to speed up the construction.



OFF TO VEGAS . . . Lovely Norma Quine, named "Miss Torrance" in the annual Youth Band-sponsored beauty contest here last summer, is now taking a belated trip to Las Vegas which she won in conjunction with her crown. Miss Quine, a student at UCLA now, chose this time for the trip so it would not interfere with her school work.

Diapers Sought After Mother, 15, Has Twins

Although she is believed to be one of the youngest women to give birth to twins, Mrs. Doris Ridge, 15, was quite happy about her two new daughters, born at Torrance Memorial Hospital Monday.

Her husband, James C. Ridge, 24, found that one of his immediate worries was to find enough diapers for five-pound Deborah Jean and four-pound Darlene Lee. He is an unemployed roofer.

The couple, who eloped to Mexicali last summer while she was a ninth grader at Gardena High School, live with her parents at 2486 W. 255th St. His parents, former Torrance residents, now live in Corona.

Explorer Post Visits Kiwanis

Boy Scouts took the spotlight at the Monday evening meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis Club as six members of Explorer Post 219x, sponsored by the club, attended the meeting with their advisor, William Sells.

Explorer Jack McNeil spoke to the Kiwanians about the Ad Altare Del award, given to him recently by the Catholic church; and Explorer Don Kelly spoke on the God and Country award, a Protestant recognition which Kelly received two years ago.

Special mention of the honors received by members of the Post was made during the meeting, conducted by Dr. Gerald Eastham, president of the club.



URANIUM HUNTERS . . . Rising early to be first in line at Bakersfield last week as the government announced new uranium maps were Gregory Jenkins, of 1222 Arlington Ave., and Tom Webb, of 1003 Cota Ave., the two El Camino College students were among the 10,000 who flocked to Kern County to seek uranium. Although their first efforts were not successful, the pair plan to return, Jenkins' family has had experience in mining.

New Residents Urged to Check Auto Licenses

New residents of California whose motor vehicle registrations expire in their former home states or provinces on March 31 or April 1 will have 30 days thereafter to comply with California laws requiring them to register their vehicles in this state.

Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, this week advised that persons who have accepted gainful employment here or who have otherwise taken up residence privileges in California while displaying out-of-state license plates on their vehicles, are subject to this legal requirement.

Mason said March 31 is the expiration date for vehicle registrations in Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Plates issued by five Canadian provinces, Guam, and the Provost Marshal in Japan also expire then. Texas vehicle registrations expire April 1.

The Motor Vehicles Director advised those affected to avoid the penalties for delinquent registration under California law by applying for California plates at any Department of Motor Vehicles office. They should be prepared to show their current registration and ownership documents, and the vehicle must be submitted for identification inspection. California documents and plates will be issued when applications are completed and fees are paid.

Persons who believe their documents may be incomplete should consult motor vehicle registration clerks early for information as to the records that may be necessary in applying for a California registration.

Slatten Still Is 'Critical'

Charles Slatten, 16, of 18329 Roslin Ave., hurt in a Feb. 16 crash in Lawndale, is slightly improved but still "critical," officials at Harbor General Hospital reported yesterday.

Unconscious for a month after the crash, he has regained consciousness, but does not recognize visitors, officials said. Four other teenagers were killed in the accident.

C. V. Goodwin, 40, of 1008 W. 222nd St., who was badly burned while showing his son how to operate a midget racer on March 8, was still on the critical list.

Frank M. Borres, Sr., 63, of 2043 Lawrence Ave., hurt in a March 8 crash at 20th and Figueroa Sts., was said to be in "good" condition and improving. He received a fractured jaw and head injuries in the accident.

3-Car Crash On Highway Shakes Up 10

Ten persons were shaken up in a three-car smashup on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Newton St., Saturday, Torrance Police reported.

The collision involved cars driven by David Edward Wideman, 39, of San Pedro, westbound on Pacific Coast Hwy.; Billie Lane Chambers, 33, of Long Beach, and Paul Lee Bluff, 20, of 25964 Eshelman Ave., both eastbound on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Treated for injuries after the crash were Marie and Marcheta Wideman, both of San Pedro, passengers in the first car; Christine, Billie Lane, Cynthia, Kenneth and Marilyn Chambers, all of Long Beach, and Duane Dawson, of 4420 Pacific Coast Hwy., passengers in the second car, and Paul Lee and Jane Bluff of Lomita, riding in the third car.

No one was reported seriously hurt.



BUSY MOTHER . . . Mamie Eisenhower, two-year-old springer spaniel belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schooley of 2760 Orando Ave., is the proud mother of eight pups. Dog experts say this is quite a large number for a springer spaniel. Admiring the new addition is young Marsha Schooley.

HERALD SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE ENDS TOMORROW

The HERALD'S 12-week subscription campaign officially ends tomorrow, March 25, at six p.m. The scores of volunteer workers whose efforts have made the drive so successful must deposit new subscriptions in the office of this newspaper before the deadline to receive point credits.

Winner of the grand prize of a 1955 Chevrolet, Ford, or Plymouth, as well as the six other major prize winners in the gigantic \$5000 campaign, will be announced Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Their names will be posted in The HERALD office. Checks in the amount earned by each worker will also be available. All workers are requested to call for their checks in person as soon as possible.

Today and tomorrow are the final days for subscribers to receive \$65 coupon books good for merchandise in a variety of local stores. Subscriptions are \$3.60 for one year, \$7.20 for two years, and \$10.40 for three years.

Further information can be obtained from Elaine Barrett at FA 8-4000.